Bhilai Captive Power Project Expansion, Chhattisgarh	2x250	capacity. A Joint Venture Captive Power Project proposed with Steel Authority of India Limited.

Responsibility given to private sector for improvement in power sector

†4920. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector has been given responsibility to make improvement in power sector of various States of the country;

(b) if so, the States in which private sector has been given responsibility along with the details of these responsibilities;

(c) by when, this responsibility was given;

(d) whether Government have made any assessment in improvements of power sector after extending the responsibilities to the private sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Coal based power generation projects

†4921. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRIRAJIVRANJAN SINGH 'LALAN';

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed that the cost of power generation may be reduced by improving the quality of coal in the coal based power generation projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the percentage cost reduction of power likely to be brought about as a result thereof; and

(c) the average cost of production estimated to be brought down in the above projects during the current year 2002-2003 ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.